

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the region 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the Governor of Florida, State Emergency Response Commission and Florida's ten other LEPCs in carrying out state and federal duties to publicly promote statewide hazardous materials safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to increase community preparedness so that both public-sector and private-sector employees know how to safely protect themselves and those for whom they are responsible during an accidental or deliberate release of hazardous materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the LEPC offers awareness level hazardous materials emergency response training for firefighters, emergency medical, law enforcement and other public safety personnel as well as Shelter In-Place presentations by request to community groups, businesses, schools and the general public as a means of increasing safety in the event of a release; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens need to know that emergency responders, emergency management, all levels of government, schools and businesses are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible to protect all citizens from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, does hereby call upon all citizens to observe the week of January 23 – 29, 2005 as Region 1 LEPC

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to heighten public recognition of efforts to safeguard the community from hazardous materials and to acknowledge the unique public participation component of the program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to the elected officials of Santa Rosa County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a vote of   5   yeas,   0   nays, and   0   absent of the Board of County Commissioners this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gordon Goodin, Chairman